



IMPORTANT NOTICE

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION
OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1947.

TOWN HALL CLUB... PRIVATE DINING ROOM.
DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7 P.M.
NO LUNCHEON ON APRIL 23rd.

SPEAKER..... GENERAL CARLOS P. ROMULO

Romulo is Phillipine Delegate to the United Nations, former Ambassador to the United States. He has just returned from Manila. His championship of freedom of the news at the United Nations has been widely praised.

General Romulo will be accompanied by Fabian San Juan, a young Phillipino patriot who is flying from Manila for a good will trip to the States... Incidentally, he is the hero of Doris Johnston's new book, "Bread and Rice."

8:30 P.M.-- GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
AND DIRECTORS.

The official slate of the Candidates has been sent to you in the Bulletin. Voting ballots will be provided at the meeting. No absentee voting or vote by mail. Nominations may be made from the floor by any active Member in good standing. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

AGENDA:-- Reports of the President, Secretary,
Treasurer, Membership Committee and
Admissions Committee. New Business.

Come to the annual meeting and vote --- the club's success depends on your interest and support. Its running depends on your officers and board of governors.

At a meeting of some of the members of the Dinner Committee, it was decided that a temporary House Committee be set up so that the Club could stay open until at least 10 P. M. every night. There will probably be some fire water around for a kick-in to the kitty of around fifty cents to keep the throats from being parched.

Schedule for next week.....April 18, Friday, Jack Doorty; Saturday, 19th, Gregor Ziemer; Monday, Roland Gask; Tuesday, Ralph Major; Wednesday, election and closed; Thursday, Egbert White.

Jack Doorty is making up a book plate so that the donors of books will be marked in their books. PLEASE send in your books to the office.

Eugene English of Press Wireless left last Thursday by Air France for Europe where he will act as head of the European offices of Press Wireless.

Thanks to Kenneth Giniger of Prentice Hall for sending some valuable books on journalism to the clubrooms.

Richard J. H. Johnston of the New York Times has returned to his assignment in Korea and young Richard and his wife plan to join him there as soon as possible.

The Norwegian rights of the OPC book "Deadline Delayed" have been sold by E. P. Dutton, according to Bill Doerflinger. Authors of the book met with some of the Dutton people in the club rooms on Wednesday, April 9th. Have you gotten your copy of the book yet? Dutton reports that it has gotten more reviews all over the country than any recent book. Bill Chaplin said that bookstores wherever he went recently on his trip to the West had copies of it.

At the authors' meeting, Irene Kuhn and Tom Morgan recalled that it was an Easter Sunday morning when the first meeting of the charter members of the club met for breakfast at the Hotel Algonquin, back in 1938.

Al Newman reports that our members who covered the Anarctic expedition will be back soon with the news about that exciting and sometimes tragic research party.

H. V. Kaltenborn, vice president, presided at the meeting on April 11 of the radio deans in the "Twenty Year Club."



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Lawrence Dame, former member of the OPC, has returned to the fold. He is now art editor of the Boston Herald, editorial writer of the TRAVELER, art critic of New York's "Art Digest" and author of two books and numerous articles. Nice going, says Larry.

Amy Vanderbilt is awaiting the stork at her home in Westport, Conn.

Sydney Mosely, now in London doing some writing, was recently the honor guest of the Swedish Press Club's Annual Dinner. His speech was widely quoted in the Swedish press.

Kathryn Cravens entertained some of the members of the club at which Russel Janney, author of "The Miracle of the Bells" was the guest of honor. Father Joe Connor played his composition of the music to the aforementioned book.

Mrs. Geraldine Fitch and her husband were the guests of honor of a reception given by the China Society recently. Gerry and Mrs. Fitch are returning to China soon.

Roger Shaw is assistant professor of International Relations at Trinity. He says the change from journalism is refreshing.

Hal Lee, editor of Pan America magazine, reports that he will have as his guest at the Annual Meeting, John Strohm, author of the new book "Just Tell the Truth," which is what the Russians said to him when he was allowed to trek over the USSR with his camera.

Max Jordan, European director of the National Broadcasting Company, is stationed in Basle.

Dorothy Kilgallen celebrated an anniversary with her husband several weeks ago by having one of those famous parties where everyone came dressed as his favorite heroine or hero. Dorothy chose Scarlet O'Hara. Quentin Reynolds, another OPC member, came as Diamond Jim Brady.

Fritz Oppen, of the American Broadcasting Company in London, reports that Henry Wallace was looked upon by part of the British as representing American opinion on international affairs.

Bill Shirer received the George Foster Peabody Radio Award at a luncheon on April 17th at the Hotel Roosevelt.

Harry J. Price has been named Director of Public Relations. The Associated Fur Coat and Trimming Mfrs. Price was formerly with the British United Press and then special correspondent for the United Press in Paris, among other assignments abroad.

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Pete Huss of INS, now covering the United Nations, authors the article "The Race to the Moon," appearing in the current issue of Cosmopolitan. Pete says the moon would be an ideal base for atomic rocket warfare, but who owns it? The United Nations may have to solve this problem sooner than they think.

Percy Finch reports from Leucadia, California, that life, with the "book" always present, becomes increasingly pleasant, what with Marines nearby whom he knew in the Pacific and also some of our news-people. The get togethers are like old times in the Shanghai Club at the longest bar in the world --- is it still?

Gault MacGowan, correspondent of the New York Sun in Germany, asks which war correspondent may have served the longest in point of service? Gault recently attended the deactivation of our Third Army in March -- the last of our armies to leave Germany -- and was the only correspondent present who had been on the job since the first days of the war;--for him, Sept. 3, 1939.

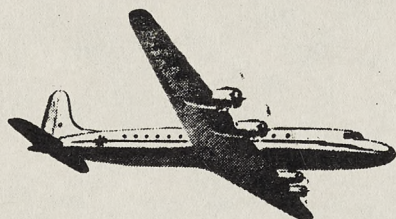
Leo Branham reports that he had correspondent card Number 6 and Gault had Card No. 2. Gault says Bill Stoneman, now with the UN, had card No. 1, but there seems to be some disagreement in the club about this. We will line up our war correspondent members in line of view of service and see the results.

Martin Sheridan's new book, a saga of the U.S. Navy submarine BULLHEAD the last vessel lost during World War II will be published soon by the Marshall Jones Co. of Francestown, N. H. titled "Overdue and Presumed Lost," Sheridan relates the whole story of the sub as he was the only correspondent to be permitted aboard a sub patrol and share the dangers of underseas warfare.

Bill Chaplin of NBC has been appointed by General Courtney H. Hodges, Commander of the First Army area, to serve as a member of the Civilian Advisory Board in this area.

An OPC member, Harvard MA, former Stars and Stripes staffman, wants to connect with a magazine's art department, make up and production. He has been an art student of Kinzinger of Bahauss, Munich and Giorgio de Chirino, the Associazione Artistica Internazionale di Roma. Call the office.

Ernie Dupuy's book "Soldier's Album", has been published by Houghton Mifflin at \$5. It is the best selection of nearly 100,000 pictures of the Second World War. Incidentally, Ernie has just moved to Leesburg, where he has found (aptly guided by Laura, his artist better half) a dream house of a reconditioned old mill, built in the 19th century on Goose Creek, not very far from Secretary Marshall's place.



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Ray Brock, doubling in brass, is writing a psychological thriller and a political work on the Balkans, for Henry Holt and Houghton Mifflin resp. After cleaning up some magazine assignments, Ray will be off in June to Athens, Istanbul, and a general "shufti" (look-see) in the Middle East. Ray's wife, Miriam Hopkins, has opened in a new play called "Message for Margaret" here in the big town.

As next week is the week of the convention of the ANPA, many publishers have been asked to visit the new clubrooms for some informal talk festing.

At our luncheon of April 2, Leo Lania, roving correspondent of the United Nations World, said that the suffering in European countries today is leading to the moral and political disintegration of Europe. Lania feels that the suffering is more of the spirit than materialistic.

Leo stated that Russia will soon move out of Hungary; that the desertions in the Russian army are legion and that the USSR is weaker than generally believed. He also stated that the D. P.'s of Europe create a very real problem and one which must be dealt with promptly.

Ben Gross reported in his column "Listening In" in the New York Daily News of April 15th that Bruno Shaw, who has the show "You Decide" over Station WNEW, thinks that the trouble with radio is that sponsors and advertising agencies have too much control over program selection.

Amendments in the Constitution roughly speaking, if passed would provide for the following. 1- that membership would not be confined to Americans and English speaking nationalities. 2- that the qualification of having worked abroad for newsreel and army and navy publications, be specifically stated in the Constitution. 3- That correspondents of other nations who are here, especially now that we have the United Nations, should become guest members and thus be able to meet their American colleagues. This gesture does not provide, however, for voting privileges of the club and would cost the guest members twenty dollars per year. 5- That former Presidents, who know the procedure of the club better than any of the other members, be permanent members of the Board and 6- That any officer or governor who does not attend three meetings without good reason, be dropped and another active member named to his post.

Ralph Frantz, Chairman of the Nominating Committee says that in case you did not know, Egbert White is publisher of the United Nations World and organized the Stars and Stripes in World Wars I and II; John Barkham is an editor of Time; Leo Branham is an editor of the AP World Desk; Larry LeSeuer is on the news staff of CBS as is John Daly; Bill Carney serves the N. Y. Times news staff and as an officer of the Inter-American Press Association; Bob Considine is with INS; Joe Phillips is foreign editor of Newsweek; Ruth Cowan is on Washington staff of AP, etc. etc.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.



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